

# Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley

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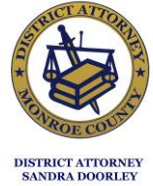
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## Weekly Newsletter



Welcome to the weekly newsletter from Monroe County District Attorney Sandra Doorley.

## Message from Sandra Doorley

*'Tis the Season – Here's to a Healthy and Safe New Year*

*Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays from the Monroe County District Attorney's Office!*

*There is no question, it has been a tough and dark twelve months in Rochester. We broke homicide records I hoped to never see in my lifetime. We have seen over 400 shooting victims. Carjacking and motor vehicle thefts are up 56% compared to the 5-year average.*

*There have been bright spots this year as well. Besides the statistics of being down in rapes, robberies and burglaries, our community is coming together.*

*We saw some of our wonderful nonprofit organizations help the young and the old who needed assistance in times of isolation. I had the pleasure of getting to know the Iglesia family and the amazing work they are doing with Primetime585. We are seeing community leaders who are willing to set aside our differences to address the ongoing concerns in our community, from COVID-19 to the violence.*

*As District Attorney, I will continue to do my part in addressing this violence and bringing cases forward in a court of law. I will continue to go out in our community to talk to residents and crime victims.*

*There is a lot to look forward to in 2022. For now, I look forward to spending the holidays with my family, watching my youngest daughter graduate from college, and seeing this community that I call home join together in peace.*

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!*

*Sandra*



# Homicide Update

So far in 2021:

City of Rochester Total: 81

Monroe County Total: 89

## Highlights from the MCDA's Office

**Derrick Gunter Jr.** was indicted on Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the homicide of Waltquaries Evans on December 12, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Christopher Bokelman, Deputy Chief of the Major Felony Bureau.

On September 12, 2019, following a dispute over money, **Markeem Burrows** pulled out a loaded handgun and menaced the employees of a local, family-owned convenience store in the City of Rochester. At the time of this incident, Burrows was on parole for Attempted Robbery in the Second Degree. It was only due to the heroic actions of the store employees, and the swift response of the Rochester Police Department, that a violent tragedy was avoided. A jury convicted Burrows on October 14, 2021, of one count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and one count of Menacing in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree. Justice Thomas Moran sentenced Defendant on December 22, 2021, to fifteen years in the NYS Department of Corrections as a Second Violent Felony Offender, and five years of post-release supervision. This case was prosecuted by Special Assistant District Attorney Greg Clark of the Special Investigations Bureau.

**Timothy Brown** was indicted on two counts of Murder in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, two counts of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the murders of Malakai Smith and Tywan Harper on November 11, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Michael Robertson, of the Major Felony Bureau.

On December 17, 2021, a Monroe County Jury convicted 29-year-old **Dvontea Alexander** of Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, two counts of Attempted Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 1<sup>st</sup> Degree, Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, and two counts of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree for the murder of Justin McMillan and the attempted murder of two other victims. On April 12, 2020, Rochester Police Officers were called to Clifford Avenue for reports of fatal gunshots. Justin McMillan was declared dead at the scene. The two other victims were taken to Strong Memorial Hospital for treatment. After a thorough investigation from the Rochester Police Department and the New York State Division of Parole, Dvontea Alexander was identified as an assailant. On April 21, 2020, the SWAT teams from the Rochester Police Department and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office executed a warrant, resulting in Dvontea Alexander's arrest. The case was prosecuted by First Assistant District Attorney Perry Duckles.

**Morris Jones** was indicted on Murder in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree and Assault in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree in relation to the homicide of Keith Arnold on June 6, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Kirsten Sippel, of the Major Felony Bureau.

**Mi'ana Blake** was indicted on Criminally Negligent Homicide in relation to the death of Jaden Lewis on August 13, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Eric Hurd of the DWI Bureau.

**Tyron Hargrove** was indicted Arson in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Burglary in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree, Assault in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree and Endangering the Welfare of a Child in relation to events on December 3, 2021, and December 4, 2021. This case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Gina Clark, of the Domestic Violence Bureau.

## Holiday Greetings!

The Monroe County District Attorney's office held its annual Holiday Pot-Luck celebration and competition. This celebration is put together by our dedicated Victim/Witness Bureau to bring some holiday cheer to our hard-working employees. At this event, we handed out service awards and held a friendly competition.

Congratulations and thank you to Michelle Bowen-Richardson and Conrad Ziarniak for their 30 years of service to Monroe County!



Congratulations to our competition winners:

**Appetizer Winner** – ADA **Bianca D'Angelo** for her Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup Dip

**Crockpot Winner** – DA **Sandra Doorley** for her Cheesy Potatoes

**Dessert Winner** – ADA **Elli Laloudakis** for her Hot Chocolate Cheesecake Cups

**Table Décor Winner** – **Rhoda Collins** for her Knitted Christmas Scene

Thank you to all who entered this year's fierce contest!



## Congratulations Judge Hahn!

The newest Monroe County Court Judge, Judge Julie Hahn, was sworn in on December 22, 2021. After an incredible 23 year career in the District Attorney's Office, we are all proud of Judge Hahn and know she will do amazing things in her next chapter of public service.



## MCDA in the News

<https://www.democratandchronicle.com/story/news/2021/12/20/greece-police-department-doesnt-use-bodycams-why-that/8700626002/>

<https://spectrumlocalnews.com/nys/rochester/politics/2021/12/15/monroe-county-legislature-passes-2022-budget--bello-signs-spending-plan>

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